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Comments: I don't understand why the USFS, all across the country, continues to use outdated science and a long overdue to be updated forest plan to manage OUR national forests. You, the people who work for the USFS, we know you know you are using outdated science. You know your forest plan is 15 years old. You know the world has changed dramatically and continues to change at an exponential rate. You say you care about these forests and love this land. Yet, as the guardians of this land, when will your projects and actions actually support this?

These forests are OWNED by the people. The USFS is the STEWARDS of OUR land. You are supposed to manage them for the "greater good." The new and best known current science shows that mature forests sequester more carbon than young forests. PLEASE, stop trying to fool us by talking about the RATE of INCREASE of carbon sequestering. What matters is TOTAL carbon sequestering, and all the latest science shows mature forests sequester more carbon than young forests. Hands down. We are not fooled. You know the difference and so do we.

If your plan truly took into account the private land SURROUNDING the national forest, it would show that most of the surrounding private land has been logged and is already "young forests" and pasture. If the USFS is truly managing this land "for the people" and with all our interests in mind and is not managing primarily for timber production, the USFS would instead leave far more of the national forest to become mature and old growth over time to counteract the young growth being produced repeatedly on privately owned land that surrounds the national forest. Because you are the ONLY ones who can do this, the USFS should preserve the land for which ONLY YOU can do. That is the role of government: to raise up to a higher level and truly do what is right for the "greatest good" for all the people.

Dealing with climate change IS the "greater good" for the most people. Please stop pretending you don't know this and you are just doing what you are told. Stand up and do your part. If I can stand up and do my part as a common every day citizen, by golly, you in your jobs can do it too.

Please read this article dated March 5, 2023. It has many references from the current best known peer reviewed science that detail all of this and more. Enough pretending and hiding behind old science.

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/05032023/kentucky-old-trees-young-forest-carbon-storage/?fbclid=IwAR19P234BPXEGzKDpwoT3tvKqdKLPucqA2JnEyRxUyVzmmTjnn0i654p0>

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